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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This letter is in response to the Office Action of August 11, 2004, having a Shortened Statutory Period for Reply of three months that is set to expire on November 11, 2004. The Applicants request a three month extension of time that will expire on February 11, 2005. Please charge our Deposit Account No 19-1025 with the fees for this three month extension of time, and charge any other appropriate fees to this Deposit Account. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of Claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.